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major rail crossing between Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union at
Brest is closed to freight traffic. ~~_____~~

The closure, in effect until 20 October, apparently will not affect passenger traffic. Polish officials claim the closure is due to the conflict between Iran and Iraq. There is no apparent reason, however, why freight not destined for Iran should be halted. Other East European border-crossing points are closed only to Iranian traffic. While border closings can be indicators of impending military action, the fact that no unusual troop movement or buildups are visible in the area and that the embargo does not apply to passenger traffic suggest that no military action is imminent. ~~_____~~

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